FORM PTO-1390 U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office Attorney's Docket No. TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 3223-103 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 9, 2002 PCT/EP03/03014 March 21, 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION AUTOMATIC SAMPLE COLLECTOR APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Rudolf EHWALD, Dietmar LERCHE, Holger WOEHLECKE Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. 3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. [] The US has been elected (Article 31). 4. 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. [X] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.] have not been made and will not be made. [] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. [] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). ITEMS 11. TO 20. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. [X] A preliminary amendment. 14. [] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. [] A substitute specification.] A power of attorney and/or address letter.

17. [] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825

19. [X] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

18. [X] A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

20. [X] Other items or information: PCT/ISA/210

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21. [X] The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492)(a)(1)-(5): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report Not Prepared by EPO or JPO. \$ 1,110.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO. \$ 950.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO. \$ 790.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). \$ 750.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). \$ 100.00				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
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Total Claims	23 -20 =	3	X \$18.00	\$ 54	
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	X \$88.00	\$ 0	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) + \$300.00				\$ 0	
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 502	
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to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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